

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a network comprising
 - a plurality of store nodes where transaction log data is collected, and
 - an enterprise node comprising a data store comprising~~connected to each store node,~~
 - ~~wherein the enterprise node comprises data on all the store nodes;~~
 - a method for converting the transaction log data from one of the plurality of store nodes
 - to transformed data, the method comprising:
 - determining a period of time when the transaction log data is to be processed;
 - determining ~~at one of the plurality of store nodes~~ whether to process the transaction log data in the store node based on relevant store node processing conditions, wherein the relevant store node processing conditions comprise:
 - a need for the transformed data in the store node;
 - an availability of processing resources for processing converting the transaction log data in the store node during the period of time;
 - a relative cost of converting the data in the store node as opposed to converting the data at the enterprise node; and
 - network bandwidth implications of converting in the first node as opposed to converting in the second node;
 - and
 - processing converting the transaction log data in the store node if the ~~local~~ relevant store node processing conditions are satisfied and then sending the transformed data to the enterprise node for storage; and
 - sending the transaction log data to the enterprise node for processing converting there if the ~~local~~ relevant store node processing conditions are not satisfied,~~wherein the enterprise node~~

~~comprises data on all of the store nodes.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the period of time comprises selecting is an interval of time ~~selected by a programmer.~~

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the period of time is based on an amount of the transaction log data accumulated.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1 wherein converting the transaction log data comprises converting said transaction log data into a data format selected from a group consisting of: ~~the transformed data format is~~ XML, IXRetail, and POSLog.

6 - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the transaction log data comprises sales-related data.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the processing step comprises~~ further comprising a step of parsing the transaction log data to extract data from each of a plurality of fields before the converting step.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein determining whether to process the

transaction log business data is done at the store node.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein determining whether to process the transaction log business data is done at the enterprise node.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 10 further comprising sending the transaction log data to another store node for parsing there.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein determining whether to process the transaction log data in the store node is done at the frequency of transaction log transfers to the enterprise node.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein local processing conditions further comprise the available processing bandwidth of the network for transmitting the data to the enterprise node.

18 – 28. (Canceled)